

he has contributed to so many people over his years of caring and service. I know I speak for all my colleagues in extending to him a heartfelt "thank you" and our best wishes to Michael, his wife, Judy, and their children Matthew, David and Rachel.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "BILL"
ALLEN

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to William "Bill" Allen. Bill is leaving the House of Representatives after nearly 4 years of distinguished service to this institution as an attorney with the Office of House Employment Counsel. As an Associate Counsel in the Office of House Employment Counsel, Bill has provided legal advice and counsel on employment issues to at least 124 current Members of Congress, 18 House Committees, the House Officers, and the United States Capitol Police Board. Bill's clients can attest to his tremendous intelligence, legal prowess, creativity, and wit. In addition to his many other contributions, in November 2005, Bill presented oral arguments on the scope of the Speech or Debate Clause before a rare en banc panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

A Connecticut native and son of Frederick E. Allen and the late Evelyn M. Allen, Bill was raised in Ridgefield, Connecticut. Following his junior year of high school, Bill spent a week as part of a fellowship program sponsored by the Connecticut Congressional delegation. As a true New Englander, Bill grew to be a diehard Boston Red Sox fan and his faith was finally rewarded in October 2004 when the Red Sox won their first World Series in 86 years.

A rare "Triple Hoo", Bill earned his Bachelor of Science, Masters in Business Administration, and Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia. While at the University of Virginia, Bill represented the Engineering School, the Darden School, and the Law School on the University's renowned student-run Honor Committee. Bill also served as an officer in the Raven Society and the Virginia Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society.

Bill is returning to private practice as a Senior Counsel at the law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., where he worked from 1996 to 2002 on various class actions involving Title VII and the Fair Labor Standards Act. In private practice, Bill intends to resume his pro bono activity in the field of immigration law. While at the firm, Bill averaged over 100 hours of pro bono work per year and, in 2001, was named Akin Gump's Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year for the firm's D.C. office. Bill's pro bono representations included obtaining political asylum for a Sudanese national who had been repeatedly kidnapped and tortured by the Sudanese government and obtaining United States citizenship for an Ethiopian national.

The U.S. House of Representatives would like to express its deepest gratitude to Bill Allen for his invaluable service to this institution. Bill has worked tirelessly to provide House Employing offices with excellent legal

advice and support. We wish Bill tremendous success in all of his future endeavors.

IN SUPPORT OF THE STEM CELL
RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of expanding critical stem cell research and to urge the Senate to take action on the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act (S. 471).

One year ago, on May 24, 2005, the House of Representatives passed the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act (H.R. 810) by a vote of 238-194. I voted for this legislation because it increases funding for stem cell research, offering hope and the possibility of a cure for millions of Americans suffering from chronic and terminal illness. H.R. 810 also provides for the implementation of ethical guidelines to govern this research.

H.R. 810 would help to make significant advances toward finding a cure for currently incurable diseases such as juvenile diabetes, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and spinal cord injuries. Furthermore, expanding this research would increase our understanding of the abnormal cell growth that occurs in cancer and birth defects, which would help create a safer and more efficient way of developing effective drugs.

For millions of individuals and their families, stem cell research provides hope for a life without the stress and suffering that accompany these serious health-related conditions. Expanding funding for this science is an effective way to cultivate the remarkable potential of a technology which could increase our understanding of causes, improve the effectiveness of treatments, and advance our ability to find cures for a wide range of debilitating diseases and other conditions.

Unfortunately, despite widespread, bipartisan support for this legislation, including over 200 patient groups, universities, scientific societies, more than 75 national and local newspapers, and 80 Nobel Laureates, the Senate has yet to bring it to the Floor for a vote. It is time for the Senate to act to expand stem cell research.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the importance of continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for all Americans by implementing legislation to expand stem cell research.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORY OF
THE BLACK HERITAGE STAMP
SERIES AND HONORING CLARENCE
IRVING

HON. GREGORY W. MEEKS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, during the week of the World Philatelic Exhibition being held at the Washington Convention Center, to recognize the history of the Black Heritage Stamp Series and to honor

my former constituent, Chairman and Founder of the Black American Heritage Foundation, Mr. Clarence Irving.

In 1976, Mr. Irving conceived the idea of commemorating Black American Women on U.S. Postage Stamps. His proposal was that either of two women, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune or Mary Church Terrell be so commemorated. This proposal was presented to the Honorable Joseph P. Addabbo who represented my district at the time and the initiative became part of the activities surrounding the bicentennial celebration of the United States.

Two years later, the U.S. Postal Service created a completely new series commemorating Black Americans, with Harriet Tubman chosen as the first historical figure to start the "Black Heritage USA Series". Each year another stamp appears in this commemorative series honoring a prominent African American figure.

Today, at 82, Clarence Irving still heads the Black American Heritage Foundation, organizing or supporting African American art initiatives throughout the country. I am grateful for his determination in realizing his vision and acknowledge him as the "Father of the Black Heritage Stamp Series".

IN APPRECIATION OF MS. AMY
WOOLF

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today in appreciation of an outstanding leader in the education field. I am pleased to acknowledge the dedication of Ms. Amy Woolf, an educator at Edgewood High School in Harford County.

Ms. Woolf attended SUNY Geneseo where she earned her degree in Biology and Secondary Education Certification in Biology and General Science. She went on to further her education at Towson University earning a Master's Degree in Health in 1998 and an Administrative Certificate in 2003.

She has been very active in Edgewood High School. She is the advisor to the Honor Society; a tennis coach; a member of the School Improvement Team; a member of both the Honors and Eligibility Committees; a student teacher supervisor; a presenter at staff developments; and a member of the Faculty Advisory Council.

Ms. Woolf wears many hats while teaching at Edgewood High School. She plays a vital role in the education her students receive by her involvement in the General Curriculum Committee, the Forensic Science Curriculum and the Curriculum Committee for Math-Science Magnet. She is also a Biology Curriculum writer.

James Garfield said, "Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained." I believe that education is the key to success in life. We need teachers who love their jobs and encourage their students to thrive in a competitive environment. Ms. Woolf is one of those teachers.

The best thing teachers can do is give their students something to think about outside of